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STATE PRISON INSPECTORS REPORT

From the report issued July 7, by Glenn Andrews, State Prison Inspector, it is shown that in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1927, an increase of 30 per cent, over the preceding year, in commitments to prison. Another feature that is more or less startling is the fact that of the increase noted that of white men showed the most gain, while negroes, while showing an increase, lacked several percent of being as much. Although the negroes do not constitute half the population of the state, only a few years ago they largely exceeded the white in jail population. To quote from the bulletin: "The above does not indicate any improvement as regards obedience to law on the part of the negroes, but the contrary; however, it does indicate that the tendency to lawlessness on the part of the whites has increased to a greater ratio."

Statistics show that for each 1,000 in population 23 have been committed to a jail, while in 1915 the figures were 17 per thousand. These figures do not include children under twelve years of age.

It is shown further that "during the fiscal year 1927 there were confined 38,685 prisoners for a period of 392,667 days of incarceration, or an average period of confinement of 10.15 days per prisoner, at a cost of \$127,203.26 for feeding."

EPWORTH LEAGUE SUNDAY

The following program will be rendered at the Elba League Sunday night, August 5th.
Hymn — 232.
Prayer — Mrs. Mike Mahox.
The Eighteenth Amendment — Sara Shely.
Shall the Church Stay Out of Politics? — Harold Deal.
Who Supports Prohibition? — Vonelle Bryan.
Frances E. Willard — Rose Deal.

PUBLIC LAND OPENING

An opening of public lands to homestead entry through survey, restoration from forest withdrawal and release from stock driveway will be drawn, is announced by the Land Office of the Department of the Interior. Areas consisting of 83,002 acres are located in the States of Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Ex-Servicemen of the World war will get ninety-one day preference to file entries after which the tracts inventoried will be open to the general public.

NOTICE

I received a letter from E. W. Peters, chairman of the State Democratic committee, stating that he had called the state committee to make plans for the county committee to fill vacancy. He said he would forward said plans to me as soon as the committee passed on them, and as soon as they are received I will call the committee together.

J. J. MOORE

Chairman County Executive Committee.

Mrs. J. P. Hanks and children, Louis, Bill and Harry of Dallas, Texas and Mrs. W. L. Hutcheson and children Dan and Phil of Ozark have returned to their homes after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Dawkins.

Marion Edwin Morrow who has been in an Atlanta hospital for several friends will be glad to know that his condition is much improved.

WEEK-END SPECIALS GO OVER BIG

Last week the Lindsay Mercantile Company inaugurated a policy of running some week-end specials, every Friday and Saturday, and Mr. Lindsey when interviewed Monday stated that the business on those two days of the week past far exceeded his expectations. Another announcement of the company is on another page of the Clipper this week.

NEW POSTAGE RATES IN FORCE NOW

Postal cards are now reduced back to one cent.

The changes and interpretations concerning the new postage rates which became effective July 1, have been announced by Postmaster J. W. Maddox.

Postage on postal cards and private mailing cards, regulation size will be reduced to one cent. On first class mail where postage is insufficient by more than one rate there will be collected one cent per ounce. It was stated, or a fraction thereof for each ounce unpaid in addition to the regular postage.

Other new rates effective July 1st follow:

Second class: The rate of postage on second class matter mailed by publishers has been changed to include all zones separately except the first and second zones, which are consolidated for the purpose of calculating postage. The rate of transit second class is one cent for each two ounces, fraction thereof, regardless of distance or weight. There is no change in the rate for country mail, except in rates of postage applicable to copies of publications mailed for delivery within the county of publication, or for local delivery at free offices.

Third class: Rates of postage for third class matter shall be 1-1/2 cent for each two ounces, or fraction thereof, of up to and including eight ounces, except books, catalogs, maps, etc., which shall be one cent or each two ounces up to eight ounces; over eight ounces shall be rated at parcel post rates.

Fourth class: Rates of postage for fourth class matter at parcel rates where quantities are as much as 20 pounds or 200 identical pieces.

Application must be made to the third assistant postmaster general through the local postoffice for these permits.

Books mailed to certain public libraries under certain prescribed conditions will be charged with postage at three cents for the first pound, or fraction, and one cent for each additional pound, or fraction.

Fourth class, Parcel post: All mail in articles weighing in excess of eight ounces, except first and second class is classified as parcel post.

In addition to these there are special rates effective Sunday on special handling such as special delivery, parcel post special delivery and on registry fees.

MAYS-VAUGHN WILL ENLARGE STORE

Following the announcement that Miss Debata Blocker will this week move her millinery store from the Vaughn Mercantile Company will enlarge their store utilizing the space which has been used by Miss Blocker.

According to Mr. Mays the store will have the same arrangement that it had several years ago, with two entrances to the building. A large opening will be provided in the front of the building allowing passage from one side to the other, and a very attractive ladies and childrens shoe department will be arranged. Many other changes and improvements are also being arranged for the store according to Mr. Mays, and the work will begin within the next few days.

Mr. J. W. Kendrick, John Kendrick and Walter Whitman, Jr., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Thomas in Dothan Sunday. Mrs. Kendrick and daughter Mary Will, who visited in Dothan last week returned home with them.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables have practically doubled during the last ten years, as shown by a study made public by the Bureau of Railway Economics. Railway shipments in this country in 1927 of the 18 principal fruits and vegetables totaled 986,192 cars.

COFFEE COUNTY BOY IN CHINA

Several interesting letters from J. D. King, who is now in the navy, and at present located in China, on the U. S. S. Memphis, were brought to the Clipper office by his father.

According to the letters J. D. is very much interested in the many strange sights to be seen in various parts of that country, and he said that he thought it possible that they would land at certain towns. The letters were written from Chepoa, but the Memphis was scheduled to go on to Shanghai in a few days.

Many friends will be glad to learn that he is enjoying life in the navy, and many will envy the chance he has to travel in distant lands.

CLUB MEETS

Misses Lallie Harper and Barbara Carlisle were joint hostesses Tuesday evening to the Business and Professional Women's Club and a number of friends when they entertained with a swimming party and watermelon cutting at the pool.

The swimming party "plunged in" about eight thirty only to discover the water was not steam heated. After various and sundry races and contests the swimmers emerged jubilant and refreshed to partake of the delicious watermelon which were served in abundance.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Harris Murphy, Messrs. C. Johnson and Y. W. Rain, Misses Luna Dell, Estelle and Laura Bryant, Nettie Ruth and Mollie Blue Walker, Sidney Rainey, Mrs. Lee, Mabel Brinson, Jean Langston, Mary Lee Gunter, Mrs. Sam Rowe, Mary Allen and Ferrell Harper, and Lulu Venable.

After a series of games in which all present took part, and a humorous reading by Mrs. Rowe the party disbanded with everyone happy and a "too full for utterance."

MRS. MATT HURD DIED MONDAY

Friends throughout the North and South of Coffee County were deeply grieved Monday to learn of the death of Mrs. Matt Hurd, which occurred at her home in the Wise Mill community Monday. She had been ill for only a few days.

Mrs. Hurd was 58 years of age and was one of the best known and most highly esteemed women in that section of the county. She had scores of friends who will feel her loss keenly.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and had lived a consistent christian life.

The body was laid to rest Tuesday at Shady Grove cemetery. Mrs. Hurd is survived by her husband and two children, besides many other relatives and a legion of friends.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR TOWN COUNCIL

The local political situation is somewhat more or less quiet during the past week, and only one more candidate has entered the field since last Wednesday, W. J. White, has announced for Councilman of Ward Two against S. H. Brock, thereby making at least two candidates in each ward.

J. C. Mays, candidate for Councilman at large, is the only one without opposition.

BOY'S RETURN FROM CAMP

Members of the local national guard company returned to Elba Monday morning, after a two-week's encampment at Alexandria, La.

One unfortunate incident marred the home-coming, as one of the boys, Willie Brooks, who lives in the Bradshaw community, a few miles from town, suffered a mental derangement while at camp, and was carried to the state hospital for the insane at Tuscaloosa.

MIZZELL-LEE

Miss Sue Mizell, of Enterprise and Mr. Clarence Lee, of Elba, were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the groom's parents in Elba, with Rev. E. B. Paul, pastor of the Elba Methodist church officiating. Only the immediate family of the groom and a cousin of the bride witnessed the simple but impressive ceremony.

The bride was attired for the occasion in a modish costume of navy blue georgette with accessories harmonizing. She is the daughter of A. B. and the late Mrs. Emma Mizell and is extremely popular in Enterprise where she has lived since childhood.

Mr. Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee of Elba and has many friends in his home town. For the last ten years he has been connected with the Shelton Construction Company.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were tendered an elaborate and delicious wedding supper by the groom's parents, at 4 o'clock they returned to Enterprise, where they will make their home.

Dorsey Sez:

FORD'S FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES FULLY ENCLOSED REQUIRES LITTLE ATTENTION AND SELDOM RELINING.

THERE ARE MANY WHO APPRECIATE THIS FEATURE.

WEWIL EMERGENCY HEAVY IN ALABAMA

AUBURN, Alabama, August 1.—The second generation of adult boll weevils has appeared in Alabama. Heavy infestation is reported by farmers and by county agents throughout south Alabama and even up into central Alabama. Very few have been reported north of Central Alabama.

In a recent report, Prof. J. M. Robinson, entomologist of Auburn, says that the infestation almost doubled during the week. At the same time, F. Wilson, district demonstration agent for east and south Alabama, reported infestation running as high as 75 per cent. "Weevils are numerous throughout southeast Alabama," said Mr. Wilson.

As foreseen in the early spring, heavy weevil damage is now threatened. Cotton is about a month late, which is a bad disadvantage with weevils present—especially in large numbers as they now appear. Furthermore, excessive rains caused a big growth of plants which provide shade as a protection for weevils.

The only control measure recommended by county agents and by entomologists at Auburn for use at this season is to dust with calcium arsenate. Where this is done properly at the right time effective control will result. County agents are conducting demonstrations and advising farmers to use more poison.

Dr. Cooper said he received a letter from J. T. from Senator Brookhart's secretary saying that the matter of the personal attention of the senator, Cooper says that he has heard nothing more from the investigators.

In his protest made public today, Dr. Cooper charged that two Republicans from Birmingham came to see him after he had filed an application for the postmaster's office in Tuscaloosa and that he was asked how much money he would make to make to Washington to get through the appointment.

Dr. Cooper declined to reveal the names of the two men.

When he turned down the proposal of the two men, Dr. Cooper said that his name later was left off the eligible list and that he was told persons connected in Tuscaloosa failed to give him a good recommendation.

J. F. Morton, named postmaster in 1924 and late today that he was not approached by any one with suggestions that he donate funds to Oliver D. Street. He declined further comment.

Mrs. C. D. Griffin and children are visiting in Enterprise this week.

Miss Ethel Louise Mitchell is spending the week in Montgomery.

Mr. O. S. Wynn made a business trip to Opp Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Rowe visited in Enterprise Monday.

ELBA WOMAN BITTEN BY LARGE OCCASION

Mrs. J. P. Marsh who lives about three miles east of Elba on the Enterprise highway, was bitten on the ankle by a rattlesnake Tuesday morning. Antivenom serum was administered by local physicians, and no serious effects are expected.

WRIGHT RECEIVES PRIZE FOR LETTER

Mr. J. V. Wright, salesman at Dorsey Brothers, local Ford dealers, recently received a beautiful clock as a prize in a letter writing contest. This contest was put on by the Home-Product Company, and the money, The public paid it to us. The money profits came from the people.

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